

SENATE RESOLUTION 104

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Derquazia Deshun Smartt, 2012 Valedictorian of Howard School of Academics and Technology.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Derquazia Deshun Smartt is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Howard School of Academics and Technology; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Derquazia has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Smartt has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as the Class President, President of the National Honor Society, Homecoming Queen, Teacher's Aid, and member of the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee and the Student Council and participating in volleyball; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Ms. Derquazia Smartt has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens by teaching a Sunday School class, participating in a food drive, donating her time at a golf fundraiser, and serving as a HSAT Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Derquazia Smartt was named an Honors Student, invited to attend the Honors Banquet, and placed in the Top 10% of graduating seniors from Hamilton County schools; and

WHEREAS, Derquazia's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she pursues higher education at Tennessee State University and a career in law; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Cynthia Smartt and Derrick Smartt, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Derquazia's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Howard School of Academics and Technology Valedictorian, Derquazia Deshun Smartt, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.